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IN RE APPLICATION OF: )  
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GABRIEL V. LECHUGA )  
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SERIAL NO.: 09/735,342 )  
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FILED: DECEMBER 12, 2000 ) GROUP ART UNIT NO. 3752  
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TITLE: HEAT PROTECTIVE COVER )  
SYSTEM FOR HOT WATER )  
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application, and I have examined other files in this office  
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Office Action dated April 9, 2002, for any such application and,  
particularly, for this present application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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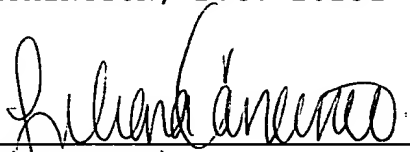
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